

### **Remarks**

#### *A. Status of Claims*

Claims 19-35 were pending. Claims 19-23 have been canceled. Therefore, claims 24-35 will be pending upon entry of these amendments.

#### *B. Section 102 Rejection*

Claims 19, 20, and 22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,922,537 to Ewart *et al.* The cancellation of these claims render this rejection moot. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute these claims in a continuing application.

#### *C. Allowable Subject Matter*

Applicants point out that the Office indicates that claims 23-35 are free of prior art. (Office Action, page 4). However, claim 23 stands objected to as being dependent upon a rejected independent claim. Applicants conclude that the Office made an inadvertent mistake and that claims 24-35 are free of prior art.

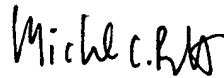
Further, in the Office Action Summary, the Office subjected claims 24-35 to a restriction and/or election requirement. Applicants believe the subjection is erroneous and request the removal of this requirement.

#### *D. Conclusion*

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 24-35 are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions, comments, or suggestions relating to this application, the

courtesy of a telephonic conference between the Examiner, the Examiner's supervisor, and the undersigned attorney at 512-536-3018 is respectfully requested in advance.

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